

MINNESOTA TRUST BLACK WOMEN & GIRLS

A Minneapolis/St. Paul Town Hall Hearing

CALL FOR EVENT TESTIFERS

The Minnesota Trust Black Women & Girl Committee is partnering with the African American Policy Forum to host a hearing that will bring the circumstances facing Black women and girls out of the shadows and squarely into public policy debates. Black women and girls are invited to provide testimony across a range of issue areas, including education, juvenile justice, housing, and health and wellness. Testifiers can explore a number of topics under these larger themes inclusive but not limited to the following: school push out, incarceration, public and private violence, trafficking, foster care, economic wellbeing, mental health, homelessness, and predatory lending.



WHAT IS A TESTIFIER?

A testifier is an individual that will provide personal testimony, sharing their story related to the aforementioned topic areas. Overall, the goal is to understand how Black women and girls are particularly impacted by race, racism, and other forms of exclusion that are often misunderstood by gender exclusive frames. We look to make these consequences concrete by personal testimony.

Initial testimony the day of the event should only last 3 minutes, after which Commissioners (elected officials and/or relevant power brokers) will have the opportunity to ask the testifier questions. Contextualizers (subject area experts) will testify alongside personal testifiers, offering data and other contextual analysis to help deepen the Commissioners understanding of the issue and place the individual's story within a larger societal pattern.

HOW DO I APPLY?

1. Complete the following google form by **Monday, February 18**

<https://goo.gl/forms/vdtiQEGx1F736Hx2>

2. You must be able to commit to the following meeting dates & times to be an event testifier:

Saturday, February 23rd 11:00AM-3:00PM

Thursday, April 12th 5:00PM-8:00PM

Friday, April 13th 8:00AM-5:00PM (Town Hall Event)

If you have any questions please email Dr. Brittany Lewis: Brittany.m.lewis@gmail.com